

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 6, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
Carl. Moore

Absent

James Cragin
John Hammargren

Others

Violet Varona Lukens, Executive
Officer
Lee Millen, Senior Staff, Commission
Services
Sherry Scates, Commission Staff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2005

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Bacio and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 23, 2005 were approved with the following additions:

Page 5, 1st paragraph, delete the following sentence: “(facility staff advised that the home’s van is used by management for personal use.)”

Page 6, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence should read: “...and gave *an overall facility* rating of...”

Page 6, 1st paragraph, add sentence: *Commissioners noted that this facility is one of the largest in the Juvenile Hall camp system.*

Page 6, last paragraph, sentence should read: “...and gave *an overall facility* rating of...”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2005

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Bacio and unanimously carried, the minutes of the March 30, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Montano reported that she informed Shirley Roach, Owner, Greater Hope Society #1, regarding the condition of the home and that a re-inspection will be scheduled.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$743.96.

STAFF REPORT

Sherry Scates, Commission Staff, advised that Violet Varona Lukens, Executive Officer, has approved the Commission’s request to have their Conference room tables protected now that it is available to other Departments.

Lee Millen, Senior Staff, advised that he is continuing to work with County Counsel regarding the probable approval of the Commission’s use of cameras on inspection site visits.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Montano summarized several pieces of the Commission’s mail for the benefit of Commissioners.

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Hudson Lyndsey Group Home/PSYMED, INC. Lugo Home – 57#3

Commissioner Bacio re-inspected this facility on March 31, 2005 and gave a rating of **Satisfactory**. Areas of minor concern: one bedroom needs touch-up paint, and the kitchen fire extinguisher needs to be tagged.

New Horizon Group Home/Sydia #1 - 72#2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on March 31, 2005, It appeared to be unoccupied and the grounds were un-kept.

New Horizon Group Home/Sydia #2 – 72#3

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on March 31, 2005. Shirley Finney answered the door and claimed the house was not used as a group home. The grounds were un-kept and cluttered with trash. The rear entrance to the property was locked, however, it seemed in looking through a window that the home was un-kept as well. Staff was directed to contact DCFS to inquire if New Horizon is still in business.

San Dimas Sheriff's Station

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella inspected this facility on April 4, 2005 and gave a rating of **Satisfactory** with no areas of concern observed or reported. The facility will be moving to a new jail located at 270 S. Walnut, San Dimas.

Greater Hope Society #2 – 50#1

Chair Montano attempted to inspect this facility on April 4th and found no one at home.

Counseling & Research Associate/Masada Home, Penn House – 21#3

Chair Montano attempted to inspect this facility on April 4th and found no one at home.

Greater Hope Society #3 – 50#2

Chair Montano inspected this facility on April 4, 2005 and gave a rating of **Satisfactory**. Areas of minor concern: no key available to check the food cabinet, no tags on the fire extinguishers, and walls were bare.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

Commissioners' review and comment on the Commission's brochure will be added to the April 6th agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Millen

Senior Staff